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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

In response to the public comment period to the proposed Microsoft settlement. I would like to voice my opinion.

I think enough of taxpayer resources have been expended on this case. It should be settled at once to allow the resources to be used on other legal needs.

I never agreed with the charges and effort. I see it setting a dangerous legal precedent.

Companies who cannot compete with an innovative organization will come to the government and use taxpayer resources to help them do what they were unable to do in the market place.

The market will always solve these problems in the long run and should be left to do so.

If you review the history of anti-trust cases almost every case cured a problem that no longer existed because the market had moved on to newer technology.

Settle the case and allow Microsoft to provide the products that the public demands.

Sincerely,

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